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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Coordination of CIA Attendance  
and Activity at International  
Conferences

REFERENCE : MAG Memorandum of 19 May 1972

1. In recent years there has been a fair amount of attendance by DDI officers at international conferences both in the U. S. and abroad. A large number of these conferences are officially sponsored, such as the tripartite (US-UK-Canada) conferences on shipbuilding and trade and aid, which are for the exchange of intelligence and are not open to the public. I presume the MAG memorandum did not intend that such intelligence conferences be covered by its recommendation.

2. DDI officers also attend open international conferences such as meetings of professional societies and business organizations. The participants in these conferences frequently include nationals of Communist countries or other foreign nationals judged to have foreign intelligence potential. Recent examples of these are meetings held by the World Petroleum Conference, the UN Committee on Narcotics, and the Paris Air Show.

3. As the MAG memorandum points out, there obviously are situations where the activities of DDI or DDS&T attendees at international conferences can conflict

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Fortunately, such instances have been rare and the program of permitting attendance at such conferences has worked well.

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Remarks: 1-4-years; per our conversation

For DDI review and advice to the Executive Director in connection with your response to his memorandum of 11 April 1972 (DDI 1136-72).

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DD/I OFFICERS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

In recent years there has been a fair sprinkling of DDI officers attending international conferences abroad: e.g., in Geneva, Montreal, Moscow, Bucharest, Toronto, Brussels, Paris, London, Stockholm, New Delhi, and Ottawa. The greatest number of officers, by far, has come from OER and OBGI; some from most of the other offices; few if any from FBIS, CRS, or OCI. These conferences -- some open, some officially-sponsored -- range widely in character: e.g., narcotics, electrical engineering, nuclear affairs, petroleum, prices and real income, ✓ ✓ ✓ NATO, shipbuilding, trade and aid, geographics, Kremlinology, Pekingology -- and, best of all, the Paris Air Show. Additionally, sizeable numbers of

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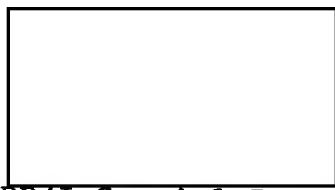
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officers from virtually all DDI components go to similar conferences held in the USA, international in character and attended by some foreign nationals. Except for a very few occasions where DDP or DCS activities have in some way tripped over DDI attendees, these many outings seem to have gone easily and profitably for the DDI officers involved, and without awkwardness or ambiguity concerning the interests of other CIA components. There nonetheless doubtless is room for improvement in existing procedures, before the fact of each conference, to insure that DDP and DCS interests can on occasion be served, and that DDI attendees will not be called upon for any inappropriate activities.

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## Remarks:

Paul -- Per your request, one para. (only) on DDI officers and international conferences. The attached reflects some quick checking with OCI, OER, OSR, NPIC, CRS, OBGI, DCS, FBIS, O/NE, and SRS.

*Paul - [redacted] and his group are addressing themselves to this, too.*

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